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The Governor has announced today that \$786 million will be withheld or restricted from the FY2015 budget in order to balance the budget which begins on July 1. Some funding may be restored after the legislature's veto session scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. About \$276 million in the budget was vetoed. Another \$846 million in spending is being restricted. The figures include GR as well as federal and other sources. Some or all of the restricted funds may be released later in the year.

Funding remained in the budget to eliminate the in-home waiting list for persons with developmental disabilities for every county participating in the Partnership for Hope waiver program. Funds to restore coverage of dental services and occupational, physical, and speech therapy for adults were restricted, but could be released later in the year.

Some of the budget items that were vetoed include:

- new funding for autism diagnosis and treatment (\$1.3 million)
- core funding reduction for regional autism projects and autism diagnostic centers (\$1.1 million)
- provider rate increases and developmental disability providers' rate rebasing.
- Increase for Independent Living Centers (\$455,000).
- Increase for Sheltered Workshop Program (\$500,000).
- Increase for Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (\$104,000).

A complete PDF table of all of the FY2015 vetoes and expenditure restrictions is attached.

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